

July 23, 1980 Wednesday

Dear Vickie and Jimmy,

I am not sure which is the fastest way to mail your letters, if it should be to the Wash. D. C. address or to your flat. I will send this one to your office and then you can tell which one arrives first, since I just mailed the first one yesterday.

Diane has a friend over this morning who is Gregg. He was one of her first friends on Mercer Island and both he and Diane were so excited about seeing each other they could hardly sleep last night.

Mt. St. Helen's erupted yesterday evening three different times. We could see the billowy cloud right from our front yard. It is a terrible disaster to the communities, not only around there but for many miles away. We haven't gotten any of the ash here yet, but Eastern Washington is covered with it and the Ellensburg and Wenatchee airports are closed today.

Mary keeps busy with her girl friends and going shopping. She is anxious to move back and it will be nice when she does. The weather is so much nicer here and after two days of having 80 degree heat the rain is coming down this morning and this is the way I like it. I think of you both all the time and kind of picture the things you are seeing. I am glad you have the location you like even tho it is unbelievably expensive. I suppose food and everything else is much higher than here.

We had a good time in Enumclaw for the 4th of July. There were many children there, which were Sandi's and Gary's, so Diane had fun. There was so much food as we all brought something.

It is just about time for our show so I will stop for now and I hope the letters reach you.

Love,

Mom.